

HOUSE RESOLUTION 27
By Godsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Marshall "Bill" Latham.

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of William Marshall "Bill" Latham; and

WHEREAS, Bill Latham was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Union County, he was the son of the late Laban and Jane Rule Latham. He graduated from Lincoln Memorial University and the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bill Latham was a veteran of World War II, and after proudly serving in the South Pacific he returned to his native Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the prominent Union Countian, agriculturist and teacher earned the respect and admiration of his peers and the community, always giving fully of himself and observing the time-honored spirit of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Bill Latham was a retired high school teacher and coach, having taught in Sevier and Knox Counties; he remained active in the school system after his retirement; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious employment with the Sevier and Knox County school systems, Bill Latham also served astutely for 32 years as a member of the County Commission, as an adjutant for the American Legion for 40 years, and as a member of the V.F.W.; and

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WHEREAS, an avid UT sports fan, Bill will always be remembered for his astute service at Gate 13 of Neyland Stadium during each football season; and

WHEREAS, Bill Latham evinced his faith as a member of Rutherford Memorial Methodist Church of Corryton, having served for 45 years as a Sunday School teacher, and frequent quartet member in area churches; and

WHEREAS, he was first married to the former Dana Sharp, who preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Bill Latham leaves behind a large and loving family: his wife, Cora Lee Latham; sons, Gary Sharp Latham and Dr. Kent Latham; sister, Lucy Latham Rogers of Holly Hills, Florida; grandchildren, Dana Marie McAmis, Sharon Ann Davis, Patricia Ann Stooksbury, Matthew Kent and Benjamin Seth Latham; and

WHEREAS, William Marshall "Bill" Latham leaves a legacy of service, hard work and goodwill; he was truly committed to his family and his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of William Marshall "Bill" Latham, remembering with admiration his love of life and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Latham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.